MR. CHAIRMAN : I shall now put the Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 1994-95 to vote.

The question is :

"That the respective excess sums not exceeding the amounts shown in the third column of the Order Paper be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of India to make good the excess on the respective grants during the year ended 31st day of March, 1995 in respect of the following demands entered in the second column thereof — Demand Nos. 14, 17, 19, 24, 64, 77, 90 and 98."

The motion was adopted.

Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 1994-95 submitted to the vote of the Lok Sabha.

No. of Demands	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand submitted to the vote of the House
1.	**Expenditure Met From Revenue**	
14.	Postal Services	33,59,03,379
17.	Defence Pensions	9,94,02,120
19.	Defence Services-Navy	6,30,17,484
24.	Ministry of External Affairs	35,50,79,760
64.	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	1,87,386
77.	Ports, Lighthouses, and Shipping	1,13,87,819
90.	Rajya Sabha	1,25,759
2.	**Expenditure Met From Capital**	
14.	Postal Services	2,07,82,817
98.	Daman and Diu	3,49,410

19.45 hrs.

APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON ACCOUNT) BILL, 1997*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1997-98.

SHRI RAM NAIK (Mumbai North) : I have given a notice for it.

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Sir, I want to raise three issues, under Rule 218(3). I will not take more than five minutes. The issue which I am going to raise is related to Government's policy. Due to this. I want to raise these issues.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Ram Naik, let the Bill be introduced first. Then you will get the opportunity.

SHRI RAM NAIK : He has introduced the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, Just give me a minute.

The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1997-98".

The motion was adopted.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I introduce** the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I beg to move :

"that the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1997-98, be taken into consideration."

MR. CHAIRMAN : Motion moved :

"that the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1997-98, be taken into consideration."

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[Translation]

SHRI RAM NAIK : Mr. Chairman, Sir, through this Bill the Government has tried to impose tax on potato wafers and groundnut. Generally these are items of mass consumption. And such, items should not be taxed Potato wafers making is labour intensive. Hence, it should not be taxed. This is a discrimination. You have imposed excise on Potato wafers but not on banana wafers.

[English]

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, no speech is really possible at this stage. When my learned friend told me that he wished to just mention three points, I said I would not object. But if he is making a speech, then it is my duty to bring it to your notice a ruling given by the Speaker, in March, 1951, which stood the test of time. At the time of Vote on Account, no speeches can be made. This is a ruling given by the Speaker in March, 1951. That is the ruling as in force today. If the hon. Member only wants mention two, three intems, I have no objection.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has clarified. I think he will take about three to four minutes.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM NAIK : He has referred to the 1951 ruling. But since the past six years, every year, on Vote on Account, I had been speaking.

[English]

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Because nobody had objected.

SHRI RAM NAIK : The entire House knows. Probably you were not attending the House.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Nobody knew this ruling.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM NAIK : I am being brief I said I will not take more then five minutes.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Ram Naik, you make your submission.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I told you that I would deal with this in the Finance Bill.

SHRI RAM NAIK : You have said but I want to say something. It is a matter of time. I will be brief.

[Translation]

Therefore, my first demand is that the excise duty levied on potato wafers and goundnuts should be withdrawn.

Secondly, the Government has reserved. Some items for the small scale sector. The corrugated board and boxes were initially in the small scale sector. Now they have been removed. Due to this thousands of workers would be rendered jobless. Hence, these items should remain in the small scale sector.

My third demand is related to the Umbrella industry. It is also a labour intensive industry and recognised by the Khadi and village Industry Commission. In this industry most of the work is done manually. You want to levy excise on this too. If at all you want to levy excise then it should be levied on the bigger manufacturers. Excise should not be levied on small scale industries and on Khadi and village industries. We do not levy excise on rain coats but we do so in the case of umbrella industry. This is not justified.

It is my demand that the Government should reconsider its decision on these three issues.

[English]

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I told you; I told everybody. I started by saying that.

SHRI RAM NAIK : No, you tell the House.

[Translation]

I am talking all this as a policy matter. Therefore, I want your response on these three specific issues.

[English]

SHRI P.C. CHACKO : There are a number of other items.Why do you mention only three items?

SHRI RAM NAIK : You can raise; I have no objection.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I have already said that all tax matters will be attended to during the recess and I will come at the time of Finance Bill and deal with it. I have invited all of you to come and meet me with specific cases. Shrimati Mahajan has already met me in this case.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

> "That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1997-98, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

The question is :

> "That clause 2 to 4 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 4 were added to the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The questions :

"That clause 1, the Enacting Formulged and the Long Title stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Long Title were added to the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That the Schedule stand Part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

The Schedule was added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I beg to move :

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.

19.52 hrs.

APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL, 1997*

[English]

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1996-97.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1996-97".

The motion was adopted.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I introduce** the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I beg to move :

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1996-97, be taken into consideration."

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1996-97 be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That clauses 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That the Schedule stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

The Schedule was added to the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Long Title stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I beg to move :

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.

19.55 hrs.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1997*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1995, in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to

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